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## Hickman-Fulton Counties RECC celebrates 75 years in existence

Charlotte Smith  
Editor

"I remember the day the electricity was turned on," said local resident, Luther Hutchison. "That night, we got in our car and rode up and down the road to look at all the lights. Henry Maddox, down the road, had a big, two-story house and it was lit up like a hotel." Hutchison lived in Fulton County and his power was turned on Friday, June 30, 1939, with the cooperative being established in 1937. Additional lines were energized almost daily from that point on, which started north of Woodland Mills, Tenn. at the Kentucky-Tennessee state line. Mrs. Tea Sansom, a long-time resident of the Brownsville Community, who celebrated her 101st birthday on May 25, is one of HFRECC's oldest customers.

Now, 75 years later Hickman-Fulton Counties Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (HFRECC) is 3,656 meters strong with 1,173 customers in Fulton County. On Tuesday, June 26 HFRECC will hold their 2012 annual meeting celebrating 75 years in existence.

"A lot has changed since those first customers were turned on in 1939," stated Greg Grissom, President and CEO of HFRECC. Grissom has been with the non-profit member owned corporation since November 2000, began as general manager. He currently has 18 employees who are responsible for the maintenance of 691 miles of line in all or parts of six counties in Kentucky and Tennessee.

The conception and realiza-



**HICKMAN-FULTON COUNTIES RECC LINEMEN** - The line crew at Hickman-Fulton Counties RECC include: (front row, l to r) Jimmy Allen, Randy Moore, Terry Polivick, Travis Bayko, (back row, l to r) Rex Coffey, Jackie Curlin, Josh West, Adam Cary, Kendall Byassee, and Jeremy Swift. not pictured: Bob Nerren. (Photo by Charlotte Smith.)



**HICKMAN-FULTON COUNTIES RECC CURRENT OFFICE EMPLOYEES** - Those currently employed as office personnel at Hickman-Fulton Counties RECC are (l to r) Mark Fisk, Tina Slayden, Misty Covey, Debbie Weatherford, Julie Grogan, Rex Coffey, Ward Morgan and Greg Grissom. Not pictured: Patti Mullins. (Photo by Daniel Richardson.)

tion of HFRECC is the result of a group of parents and grandparents coming together. They met with representatives of the Rural Electrification Administration, the engineering firm and the cooperative's attorney. Also during December of 1937, by-laws were adopted along with legal papers necessary to secure a \$100,000 appropriation were executed by attorney Edmond Wroe of Clinton, and submitted to REA in Washington.

Work on the project was scheduled to begin in April 1938 and rural families were advised to plan wiring, decide on appliances they wanted and to make provisions for hooking up to the line as soon as the line

was installed.

When going back 75 years there are many firsts and quite a few changes to how things were accomplished when it all first began and how things work now in the electric cooperative. One of the first families involved in the creation of HFRECC was the Maddox family, who lived in a fine house located near what used to be the Sylvan Shade community near the Kentucky-Tennessee state line. In the home, 50 years (1987) after the power was turned on, three sisters Emily, Louise, and Lillian Maddox remained and remembered what things were like before and after the power was turned on in the home built

by their father W.H. Maddox.

Their brother, Henry, was special to the cooperative as he was instrumental in signing up many of the first members for rural electricity before it was turned on and still in its early stages of development. Without these signatures and his hard work in getting right-of-way for the cooperative, electricity may not have been possible for the rural people of that time. "It was very hard for him sometimes," the sisters said. "Because many of the farmers didn't want poles in their fields, you see." But, Henry was very convincing and in HFRECC's files are people's membership applications with

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## Jones tries her hand at performing, plays a munchkin in Wizard of Oz production

Charlotte Smith  
Editor

"It is my favorite movie of all time," stated Cayce Jones, 10 year old daughter of Randy and Penny Jones, of Hickman. She is talking about the famous movie, "The Wizard of Oz." When Cayce saw online that they were holding auditions for a play version of her favorite movie at Masquerade Theatre in Union City, Tenn., she knew she wanted to go.

"In the movie, starring Judy Garland, my favorite character is the Lion," she said. She then proceeded to talk just like the cowardly lion. The crows are her favorite part of the play.

Cayce's role in the play is one of the 20 munchkins. "I get to skip across the stage and go to Dorothy," she said of her role. "I take her by the hand and say, 'Follow the Yellow Brick Road' and then I lead her down the road."

An aspiring singer and artist, Cayce also enjoys all the songs the munchkins sing, including: "We Welcome You to Munchkin Land," "Ding Dong the Witch is Dead," "Follow the Yellow Brick Road," and "We're Off to See the Wizard."

The talkative and cute as a button fifth grader from Fulton County Elementary/Middle School was a bit nervous when she first tried out for a part in the play, but said she wasn't worried about performing in front of a crowd. Cayce, and the rest of the cast, have been presenting their rendition of the play several times a week for the last couple of weeks and have a few more performances left. All the performances have been at the

Masquerade Theatre in Union City, Tenn. Cayce is the only one from Hickman, Ky. in the play.

Another highlight of the experience for Cayce, who also likes

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**WIZARD OF OZ** - Leslie Patterson (left) as Dorothy in Masquerade Theatre's production of "The Wizard of Oz" interacts with the Munchkins, played by Abby Suiter (front, right) and (back from left) Kaitlyn Boroff, Skyler Brewer and Cayce Jones, of Hickman, Ky. The cast has completed almost two weeks of performances at the Capitol Theatre in Union City and has a few show dates remaining, including June 15, 16 and 17. Friday night's show is at 7:30 p.m., while Sunday's matinee is at 2. Tickets are \$15 each and are available at Lanzer's Printing and Office Supply in Union City. (Photo by Donna Ryder.)



Kaitlyn, Chad, Carson and Tamra Parker

## Parker family shares their blessing with others on Father's Day and all year long

Charlotte Smith  
Editor

Last year on Father's Day, Chad Parker, was a father of two. This year, just one year later, he and Tamra, now have five children living under their roof. Life experiences working in the education and law enforcement fields and a calling from God prompted the Parkers to take classes certifying them as foster parents.

"God has blessed us so much," stated Chad. "So many people in this world that don't have anything need help and we as Christians need to take responsibility to take care for those who can't take care of themselves."

Tamra, who first mentioned becoming foster parents to Chad was compelled after an experience at work and also after she read the book Orphanology, seeing an advertisement for the

publication in Mission's Mosaic. "When I read it I knew it was what we were suppose to do," she said as one-year-old Augusta moved around the room in her purple and lime green outfit happy and content.

The Parkers became a certified foster family on June 17, 2011 and on July 23, 2011 they received a call that would change their lives for the next year, and possibly forever. That's when their family of four became a family of seven, literally over night. "We had less than 24 hours to get ready when three little ones, Triston, 3; Carolina 2; and Augusta (then just four months old) were dropped off at our home at 2 a.m. on the 24th," they said.

Thanks to family, friends and church members the Parkers had everything they needed

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**HENDRIX FAMILY HOME** - The home of (l to r) Caleb, Cadon and Ca'Toya Hendrix was dedicated on Sunday June 10, as the 8th home constructed by Habitat for Humanity members, volunteers and the partner family. (Photo by Charlotte Smith.)

## Habitat for Humanity builds 8th house

## Dedication ceremony held for Hendrix family home

Charlotte Smith  
Editor

"This will always be a welcoming house," stated Cherry Pyron, President of Habitat for Humanity (HFH) of Fulton and Hickman Counties, Ky. "I noticed the door was open in the photo on the cover of the program as it is right now, and an open door is ever a sign of welcome." Pyron made these kind comments as she introduced the newest addition to the Habitat family of homes in Fulton and Hickman counties.

Ca'Toya, Caleb, and Caden

Hendrix's home at 1701 Cottonwood Street in Hickman was dedicated on Sunday afternoon, June 10, with her extended family, friends, and many of the builders of the home. It was truly a community celebration as the rooms were filled to capacity as everyone toured the home built by not only volunteers, but also Ca'Toya and her two sons.

Everyone has worked since late last year, putting sweat and hard work into the joint effort of constructing the 8th house built

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### THIS WEEK



#### OBITUARIES

Margaret Cheirs  
Nyoka Craddock  
Gouger  
Damerius Thorpe  
Brenda D. Elam  
Richard Reese

#### RIVER STAGE FORECASTS

OHIO RIVER AT CAIRO, ILL.  
Wednesday, June 13 - 15.2  
Thursday, June 14 - 15.2  
Friday, June 15 - 15.3  
Saturday, June 16 - 15.3  
Sunday, June 17 - 15.3

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#### Local Weather

Thu 6/14	91/63	
Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s.		
Fri 6/15	94/68	
Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.		
Sat 6/16	91/68	
Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.		
Sun 6/17	90/68	
Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.		
Mon 6/18	90/68	
Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.		





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Turning Back The Clock

**25 Years Ago**  
**August 27, 1987**  
Obituary: Ollie Artell Thomas, Jr., 51.

Three local residents attended the Hickman City Commission meeting Monday night and questioned the legality of on Ordinance, which makes subscriptions to the ambulance service mandatory.

Milton Garrigus miraculously escaped serious injury in a tractor accident at his home in Brownsville Sunday afternoon.

Miss Yolanda Gail Malone and Timothy Morrison McClure were united in marriage in a candlelight ceremony at West Baptist Church in Hickman at two o'clock on Saturday, May 23, 1987.

Mrs. Phyllis Choate Simmons received a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics from the University of Tennessee at Martin on June 11, 1987.

Douglas Edward Gaskins will be leaving September 8 to attend Johnson and Wales College of the Culinary Arts in Charleston, S.C.

**50 Years Ago**  
**October 8, 1962**  
City, county, chamber officials were told Tuesday that Hickman's Harbor project has been formally approved and has everything to make it go but the fiscal fuel. Work is expected to begin in 1963.

The fathers of Richard Statham, Joe Newton, Jimmy Argo, and Jim Powers proudly pinned Eagle badges on their sons at ceremonies recently at the First Methodist Church in Hickman.

Ardel Fields was among seven Kentucky postmaster nominees confirmed by the Senate Friday.

Frank Parker, Jr., who was discharged from the Army in April, has enrolled at Murray State College. He will enroll later at Auburn University to obtain his veterinarian degree.

David Lattus will leave October 11 for the Navy and Joe Lattus, Jr., was slated to leave October 10 for the Army.

**75 Years Ago**  
**October 8, 1937**  
The September term of the Fulton County Circuit Court finished its work here with 17 penitentiary sentences and a great many civil cases disposed of.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Routen of this city, who crashed the front page of scares of newspapers through the nation when they were married last February after a courtship of 39 years, received an offer Monday to broadcast their story over the Phillips Lord program which features "Seth Parker", "The Gang Busters", and other well known novelties.

Prather Mangold spent Saturday night with the Amberg boys.  
Box Supper at Sassafras Ridge School October 15 at 7:30 p.m.

**125 Years Ago**  
**September 10, 1887**  
The educationists of both Hickman and Cayce are contemplating the erection of a college at the former and a school building at the latter sufficiently large enough for 100 pupils with a hall for public and social meetings. A.H. Searce, Dr. Sam Luten, the Johnson firm and other spirited citizens of Hickman are looked to as leaders of this worthy enterprise.

Judge Randle's decision in overturning Judge Naylor in the matter of granting license to see spirituous, vinous and malt liquors was, in substance, that by a majority of the legal voters not protesting, the County Judge is compelled to grant the license.

There were 632 legal voters of Fulton County who failed to vote at the last August election as shown by official returns.

The city council issued an ordinance to Sam Shaw and Co., to sell liquor by retail.

The Christian denomination of Hickman has decided to build a church, and have selected a lot in East Hickman (the old Buckner Carriage Shop lot) on which to build it.

Letter to the Editor

Letter to editor  
I am appalled that someone would remove a memorial from the grave of anyone buried in the Hickman City Cemetery. On the Thursday before Memorial Day members of the Union City Camp of The Sons of Confederate Veterans placed Confederate flags, to honor those who served on the side of the Confederacy in the War of Northern Aggression, on the graves of Confederate soldiers who are buried in Fulton County. These flags were to remain there through Confederate Memorial

Day on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, which is the birthday of Jefferson Davis. All of the flags in the City Cemetery were gone when we went to pick them up on June 5<sup>th</sup>. There were close to twenty flags in the Hickman City Cemetery. Since we had to purchase these flags, we would like to have them back. If anyone knows the whereabouts of these flags, please contact Joe Dillon at 472-2639.

Joe Dillon  
Member Union City SCV  
Camp 176  
Crutchfield, Ky.

Tip leads to traffic stop and two arrests

(Fulton County, KY) At approximately 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, a deputy with the Fulton County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) received a tip regarding an individual defying their court ordered curfew out of the Fulton County Circuit Court. The individual was leaving their residence in Hickman and traveling to Union City, Tenn. In an effort to avoid law enforcement the subject swapped vehicles with another individual.  
The deputy located the vehicles traveling on St. Rt. 125 and detained both vehicles on State Line Rd. One vehicle was occupied by Lendell Gaston, the other by Thurman Denton. The FCSO K-9 unit was called to the scene and indicated on both vehicles. A white container containing cocaine crack rocks was found outside the passenger side of the Ford Explorer being driven by Denton; Denton denied any knowledge of the illegal drugs. After reviewing the dash cam footage at a later date the

footage showed Denton throwing the container out the passenger window. Both subjects had the presence of alcohol on their breath and admitted they had been drinking.

Arrested at the scene were: Gaston, a black male, DOB – 01/26/1963, from Hickman Ky. He was charged with contempt of court libel / slander resistance to order. He is currently lodged in the Fulton County Detention Center (FCDC) on a \$10,000 cash bond.

Denton, a black male, DOB – 03/03/1956, from Union City, Tenn. He was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, drugs, etc. .08 (aggravated circumstances) 1st offense, possession of open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle prohibited, tampering with physical evidence, and possession of controlled substance 1st degree, 1st offense (cocaine). He is

Year after widespread flooding, severe drought emerging in areas of Western Kentucky

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – Nature's weather rollercoaster has provided no amusement for western Kentucky residents.

After widespread flooding during the spring of 2011, drought has crept into western Kentucky in 2012. While some areas received much needed rain as May turned to June, other areas saw only enough to settle the dust.

The U.S. Drought Monitor highlights an area of severe drought emerging in the Jackson Purchase and Pennyriple regions of Kentucky and a broader area of abnormal dryness extending eastward. Winter and spring normally bring abundant, widespread precipitation across Kentucky. Instead, spring was ushered in by unusually warm, dry weather.

"Like flooding, drought is a recurrent feature of Kentucky's climate," said Dr. Stuart Foster, state climatologist and director of the Kentucky Climate Center at Western Kentucky University. "Last year was the wettest year on record across Kentucky going back to 1895. Now, the same areas of the state that experienced widespread flooding last spring are in drought."

The contrast is evident in the following April and May precipitation totals from some Kentucky Mesonet stations and highlights the extremes of Kentucky's climate:

County .....	2012 .....	2011 .....
Fulton .....	1.44 .....	21.55 .....
Graves .....	2.82 .....	20.52 .....
Calloway .....	3.18 .....	21.06 .....
Marshall.....	3.87 .....	24.17 .....
Caldwell .....	2.46 .....	23.78 .....
Trigg .....	2.18 .....	21.67 .....
Clinton.....	3.56 .....	16.79 .....
Cumberland...	5.80 .....	19.13 .....

When drought develops, agriculture is the first sector to be impacted as moisture is drawn out of the upper levels of the soil. That can have an impact on both row crops and pastures that support livestock herds.

With further intensification, stream flows decrease and water levels in ponds and lakes drop. This spring, reservoirs operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have been slow to reach summer pool. Kentucky Lake on the Tennessee River and Lake Barkley on the Cumberland River, along with Barren River Lake, Nolin River Lake and Rough River Lake in the Green River Basin,

have struggled to reach summer pool. Though runoff from the recent rain should help.

If drought spreads and intensifies over the summer months, some communities across Kentucky could experience threats to municipal water supplies. At that point, residential and some commercial customers might be requested to curtail water use. Such actions were required during droughts in 1988, 1999-2000, and more recently in 2007 and 2008. Fortunately, municipal water supplies in areas that are currently the driest are generally more resistant to drought. Meanwhile, rainfall has been much more abundant in those areas of the state where municipal water supplies are more vulnerable to drought.

A return to more normal rainfall in early June would help to alleviate present concerns. However, drought vulnerability will rise if the dry weather pattern persists. The current 6-10 day and 8-14 day outlooks issued by the National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center (CPC) indicate that warm, dry weather is likely.

If the dry weather pattern persists while daily temperatures continue to make their seasonal climb, then impacts of drought will quickly become more evident and likely spread beyond agriculture. With summer approaching, the demand for water to support crops, livestock and municipalities will continue to increase, and the amount of rainfall required to alleviate drought will increase.

The CPC outlooks for summer do not give much clarity to the situation. The precipitation outlook indicates equal chances of above or below normal precipitation, while there is a slightly enhanced likelihood of above normal temperatures based on historical averages.

In the meantime, history provides some perspective on the current situation and what may lie ahead.

Based on climatic records from the Paducah area, the 2012 precipitation total through the end of May of 10.69 inches recorded at the Barkley Regional Airport is only 50 percent of normal and marks it as the third driest start to a year dating back to 1892. Only 1941 and 1987 were drier. Looking at the past two months, the total precipitation of 0.95 inches

was only 10 percent of normal, making it the driest combined April and May on record.

The story is similar at other locations. The National Weather Service cooperative observer station at Murray in Calloway County has recorded 12.15 inches of precipitation year-to-date, exactly 50 percent of normal, third driest on record. The April and May total of 2.12, just under 20 percent of normal, makes it the driest on record. In Henderson County, the year-to-date total of 9.33 inches is 46 percent of normal, second driest on record. April and May produced 3.02 inches, about 30 percent of normal, and is the driest on record.

An abnormally dry start to a year does not always foretell an

intense summer drought. But the odds are increased. Following the development of drought in 1940, the dry start to 1941 led to extreme drought throughout much of Kentucky during that summer. Likewise, dry conditions early in 1987 in western Kentucky led to severe drought that spread to other parts of Kentucky later that summer and was followed by drought in 1988.

"The unusually early dry spell is definitely no guarantee that drought conditions will continue to intensify across the state as we move into the summer," Foster said. "But farmers, water supply managers, and others involved in weather-sensitive enterprises should take note of the current situation and be prepared for that possibility."



**FAST GROWING UNIVERSITY** - Jackie Puckett, from Mid-Continent, University informed Hickman Rotarians that the university, which started as a Preacher's College in 1949, was one of Kentucky's fastest growing universities. The Advantage program, which she oversees, now is in 30 locations. With classes in areas like Mayfield, Murray, Paducah and Fulton. Currently there are 85 students attending class in Fulton, one day a week. "They complete a class every 5 weeks," said Puckett. "They will obtain their associates degrees in two years, going to class one day a week." Puckett believes earning a degree will open a door for these individuals. "I am passionate about seeing people change their lives," she added. Mid-Continent has recently added an online program to their available ways of earning degrees. Not only can Mid-Continent students earn associates degrees, they can also earn Bachelors and Master's degrees, as well. (Photo by Charlotte Smith.)

Parkers

within a short period of time. With their children, Kaitlyn, 11, and Carson, 7, out of the "baby stage" the Parkers needed a lot of supplies. Things like a crib, diapers, clothes, and toys and they needed it fast. "I knew exactly who to call to get me what I needed and I will be forever grateful to those people," said Tamra.

"You think that you have it all," said Chad, "but you don't and the trips to Walmart continued for a while."

As they began to settle into a new and different routine, adding three small children, almost like having triplets into their home, Chad and Tamra quickly realized that the courses teach you that your responsibility is to take care of them, but it also involves so much more.

Not only did the Parkers have to learn about the distinctive personalities of these three small children, they had to work to mesh them with their own kids and themselves. "At times foster kids come with their own difficulties," they explained. "Depending on their experiences before they are placed in a foster home they can have more baggage."

After losing some paper work, Chad realized, another challenge. "I work inside the home and I moved my office from one room to a smaller room to accommodate them. One day I was looking for some paper work that I couldn't find," he said, guessing some new little hands might have filed it in the trash.

Being an unselfish person, Chad would give anyone who needs it the shirt of his back if he had it. He is willing to do the same for these three children. They are adding a new garage, to replace one that burnt, but have

also added new office space for Chad, giving them more room in their home.

"They are doing better now than they did when they first came," commented Tamra, after almost a year. "Their definition of mom, dad and grandparents is not as concrete as children who are raised in one home they have known all their lives. They didn't know structure and that is something we have worked to provide for them."

Currently there are 581 kids in out of home care in the Lakes area, with 6,944 across the state. "There is a great need for foster families and respite families," added the Parkers. "Our mentors were Deanna and Sam Miller who have adopted two of the children they have previously fostered." The Millers worked with the Parkers for six months after becoming certified.

Respite families become certified just like foster parents, but they don't keep children on a continuous basis. "Respite families are needed to give families like us a little time off, if needed, and are also available during emergency times," they explained.

The Sipes, Jason and Kelly, are the only other family certified in Hickman (that we know of), but currently can't have foster children because they have five children of their own. "The Sipes are available in case of an emergency," explained Tamra. "We need more families to become foster families."

Of the 581 kids currently in "Kids in Care" 31% (179 kids) are in private foster care homes, 17% (99 kids) are in residential (group home/treatment program), 40% (230 kids) are in state foster homes, 8% (47 kids) are placed

with a relative and others are in psychiatric, independent living, out of state placement and detention.

"There is a great need for more foster families in this area," they said. "We did this out of obedience. God called us to this and we believe everyone has a role to play in caring for orphans. If you are not called to open your home, perhaps you can give financially and of course, everyone can pray. What we have done would not have been possible without prayer!"

The bigger laundry load and other challenges Chad and Tamra have faced during the last year might have been tough, but they wouldn't change their decision for anything.

They also realize more difficulties will have to be addressed as each of them have to attend out of town mandated training for their jobs and activities with the older children are increasing. "I am known as a "soccer mom," said Chad, "and that's okay. I just want to give back anytime I can."

The three siblings are thriving under the care of the Parkers. Triston, the oldest, is more of a loner, but has been having fun playing tee ball. Carolina, the middle child, who loves people, likes to take charge was having fun playing on the porch and Augusta, the brown eyed beauty was happy to roll around on the family room floor playing with Chad.

Currently there are 175 children age five and younger entering into foster care for the first time in the Lakes area. Most children who enter into foster care are age six and older. It takes time for these children to trust their new caregivers.

In most cases children in care

have visits with their biological family and have goals to work on while the children are in care. Once children have been in care a year, a judge, will determine if the goals have been met or not. The next court date could or couldn't keep the three children in the care of the Parkers. "Department of Social Services might recommend a goal change to adoption or placement back with the family," said Tamra. "We don't know yet. If they are put up for adoption we will have a BIG decision to make."

No matter what the Parkers decide to do, it was easy to see that all of them have grown leaps and bounds in the last year and Father's Day will definitely have a different meaning for the Parker household.

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this. To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world," James 1:27, words to live by.

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**NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED** - New officers installed for the Jacob Flounoy Chapter, DAR, included Sallie Ferguson, Regent; Trudy Holman, Vice Regent; Elaine Allen, Treasurer; Phyllis Simmons, Recording Secretary; Mary Harris, Registrar; Alice Voegeli, Librarian; and Lora James, Historian.

## DAR installs officers during Spring Lun-

The Jacob Flounoy Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, met recently at the Harvey Vick Room in South Fulton. The occasion was the annual Spring Luncheon.

Hostesses were Peggy Lohaus, Sandra Joyner, and Alice Voegeli.

The tables were covered with white cloths and held a bouquet of fresh spring flowers and small United States Flags.

Other small U.S. Flags were placed on the tables, in honor of Armed Forces Day. Another-Thyme catered the meal.

Regent Sallie Ferguson called the meeting to order with the DAR Ritual, American's Creed, Pledge to the U.S. Flag and Star Spangled Banner. She was assisted by Chaplain Agnes Sublette and Program Leader Lora James.

Thea Vowell, Donna Ryder and Benita Gammon were recognized as guests.

After committee reports were given, officers were elected for the new term. They included Regent, Sallie Ferguson; Vice Regent, Trudy Holman; Treasurer, Elaine Allen; Recording Secretary, Phyllis Simmons; Registrar, Mary Harris; Chaplain, Agnes Sublette; Librarian, Alice Voegeli, and Historian Lora James.

Margaret Adams was nominated for the Historical Preservation Award for the several books she has written and had published.

Regent Sallie Ferguson noted over 26 certificates won on the Kentucky State Level by the Jacob Flounoy Chapter, DAR.

In addition, Ramona Moon had received a 30-year member certificate and Elaine Allen a 20-year member certificate.

Among the 26 plus awards received were the Membership Committee Award for "Best Use of Newspaper for Membership and Public Relations and Media Award", due to over 100 articles printed in local newspapers, posted on area websites, or broadcast by local radio stations.

Regent Ferguson announced the "Kids Page" in the Fulton



**RECOGNITION** - Jacob Flounoy DAR member Mary Harris (right) presents a certificate of appreciation to Charlotte Smith (left) with The Hickman Courier for publicizing DAR events and news. (Photo by Barbara Atwill.)

Leader had been selected to be used in programs by the Kentucky Children of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The pages were submitted by Lora James, publicity for Jacob Flounoy Chapter, DAR. Also Ferguson displayed a Kids Page James had submitted in honor of Armed Forces Day.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to Benita Gammon on behalf of the Fulton Leader and Donna Ryder on behalf of the Union City Messenger. A presentation will be made at a later date to the Hickman Courier.

Lora James, serving as program leader, introduced guest speaker, Thea Vowell. Vowell, received a DAR certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Fulton-South Fulton Chamber of Commerce. She is Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce.

Vowell spoke on "Paint the Town". She was dressed in her Paint the Town T-shirt and shorts. She had just left the painting crew, where she is a very active worker.

Vowell said someone had first approached her about the idea of Paint the Town, because of her position with the Chamber of Commerce. She called a meeting to see if the local community would be interested. She had invited a man from

Princeton who explained how things were done and suggested the Chamber might want to do it. She was expecting her son at the time and knew she would have to have help. She stated she was very appreciative when Jeff Campbell stepped in to help. She said she learned a lot from him in the process.

Vowell stated at the first meeting \$4,000 was donated for paint and supplies, and so far \$15,000 has been raised from donations. The first building painted was Twin Cities Auto Parts in South Fulton. The paint was bought locally at wholesale.

The project started with 40 volunteers, but has dropped, as time has passed. The workers scrape and do other prep work before the buildings are painted. She said they can always use good painters, who want to volunteer. Even so, things have moved along at a good speed. They have plans to paint 6 more buildings, with hopes that later some homes may be painted, with perhaps help from church groups.

If you are not a painter, but would like to help in some way, some of the local women are preparing food and taking to the workers. To volunteer to help with food call Mrs. Jimmy Newton for more information.

## Miss Gaston to wed Gill June 30 in Union City

Plans for the marriage of Denise Gaston, daughter of Dorothy Gaston of Hickman, Ky., and Clarence Gilbert of Paducah, Ky., and Tyrone Keith Gill of Greenfield, Tenn., son of Peggy Gill of Greenfield, and Edd Gill of Humboldt, Tenn., are being announced today.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Fulton County High School in Hickman. She is employed by M.T.D. in Martin, Tenn.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Greenfield High School in

Greenfield. He is employed by M.T.D. in Martin.

The ceremony will be performed on June 30, at four o'clock at McCabe United Methodist Church, 215 Hyndsver Road, Martin.

The reception will follow at six o'clock at the V.F.W. Post 4862, 3915 N Clover St., Union City, Tenn.

All family and friends are invited to attend. Only out-of-town invitations are being sent out.



**Tyrone Keith Gill and Denise Gaston**



The Hickman Courier wishes all these good folks a very happy birthday! Help make their days more special by remembering them with a card or a phone call.

**June 17** – Scott Wright, Danny Duncan, Sam Crittendon, Elizabeth Brock, Steve Smith, and Alexis Avery.

**June 18** – Sandra Brooks, Mike Vaught, Joey Griffith, Cathy Jackson, Patricia Simmons, Tyler Vowell, Madisyn Grace Spillers, and Azariah Na'Shelle Busby.

**June 19** – Brenda Harrison, Barbara Atwill, James DeHart, Maranda Copeland, and Kady Elliott.

**June 20** – Mary Myatt, Doris Harrison, Pat Major, Jeanne Poynor, Billy Franklin Jones, Mark Williams, Lola Lynnay Newton, Cleora Nicholson, and Ralph Fitzpatrick.

**June 21** – Alvah Guess, Jackie Duncan, Judy Shell, and Cory Finch.

**June 22** – Mildred Hurt, Anthony Williams, Andra Curtis, and Danielle Grogan.

**June 23** – Mrs. Revel Breeding, Vickie Babbs, Linda Strong, Christie Ferguson, Eddie Coffey, Alan Goodwin, Jeremy Jones, Corey O'Mar, and Marty Finch.



Hickman Duplicate Bridge Club winners for Tuesday, June 5 were as follows: Betty Amberg and Jo Grissom, first place; Nancy Richards and Dianna Nerren, second place; and Betty Fields and Doris Lattus, third place.



**END OF THE YEAR AWARDS DAY** - Fourth grade students received year end awards at Fulton County Elementary/School. Students pictured are: (front row, l to r) Dustin White, Dapheus Allen, Collin Baggett, James Travers, Lydia Klotz, and Anyya Freeman; (middle row, l to r) Retiazsha Chambers, Madison Seaton, Ronni Blodgett, Madison Cooper, Cailey Prehoda, Grace Elder, and Abby Crawl; and (back row, l to r) Quentaya Murphy, Mikiyah Mitchell, Caleb Kimble, Kyle Bridges, Cameron McNeill, and Taivion Sanders.



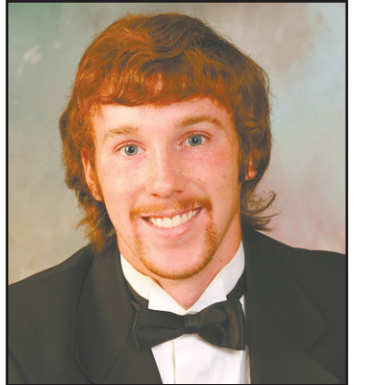
**END OF THE YEAR AWARDS DAY** - Fourth grade students received awards at the end of the year at Fulton County Elementary/Middle School. Pictured are: (front row, l to r) Quinn Johnson, Gavin Holtzclaw, Brooklyn Major, and Dylan Boyle; middle row, Ashanta Johnson, Nikia Smith, Cameron Cole, La'Braia Catlett, Skyler Weatherly, Aurora Piercefield, and Ben Worthington; and back row, Abigail Bittenbinder, Madison Halstead, Jakiron Crumble, Erika Atkinson, Armani Yandal, Jywon Jones, Dragan Schmidt, and Jerome Warren.

## Fulton County Democratic Executive Committee awards two scholarships

Two Turney Davie Scholarships have been awarded to graduates from the Fulton County area according to Robert Simpson, Chairman for the Fulton County Democratic Executive Committee.

The two recipients are Robert Austin Major from Fulton County High School and Brandon James Carter (not pictured) from Fulton City High.

Each graduate will receive \$400 that will be given to the school of their choice to help with their next level of education.



**Austin Major**

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## Senior Citizens News

*By Helen Drewry*

There will be a birthday party for the ones having a birthday in June after lunch on Wednesday, June 13.

Friday, June 15, at 10:30, we will have Vonceil Leyhue exercise.

Melinda Swader will be here with sitters on Monday, June 18, at 10:30.

Jim Legg will have his Chinese exercise on Tuesday, June 19 at 10:30.

We will have Vonceil Leyhue exercise on Wednesday, June 20, at 10:30.

Each Monday and Thursday after lunch we play Bingo. On Wednesday at 11:30, the A.D.C. will be playing Bingo. This is a fundraiser for them. The price is 25¢ for each card. Come out and

enjoy the fun.

The Rook players last week were Shirley Shaw, Ann McKinney, Bob White, Helen Drewry, Julia Davis, Evelyn Burcham, and Ray Henry.

We send our sympathy to the Gouger family in the death of their loved one, Nyoka. Nyoka was a very nice lady and she will be missed. We also send our sympathy to the Thorpe and Cheirs family.

### Bible Verse for the Week

I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. John 10:10.

The following items with be served at the Senior Center next week:

### Monday, June 18

Baked port chop, new potatoes with cream sauce, buttered green peas, whole-wheat roll, orange sherbet, and skim milk.

### Tuesday, June 19

Baked chicken, oriental vegetables, rice, whole-wheat roll, peach slices with granola, and skim milk.

### Wednesday, June 20

Hamburger steak with gravy, baked potato, French style green beans, whole-wheat bread, pineapple slices, and skim milk.

### Thursday, June 21

Turkey potpie, whole-wheat bread, spinach salad, mandarin oranges, ginger snap cookies, and skim milk.

### Friday, June 22

Pinto beans, American fried potatoes, cooked cabbage, cornbread, margarine, Jello with fruit, and skim milk.

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**CHEER CAMP** - Fulton County Middle School cheerleaders attend cheer camp. Pictured are: (front row, l to r) Alexis Tacker, Halley Stewart, Tashayah Freeman, Caroline Morrison; (second row, l to r) Emmalee Young, Olivia Wilson, Josie Prehoda, Zaria Ervin; and (back row, l to r) Hailley (instructor), Samantha McClure, Lindy Sipes, Leah Weatherly, Leslie Beth Jackson, and Hannah (instructor). (Photo submitted.)

Fulton County Middle School recognized as Premiere Cheer Camps Award of Excellence Recipients

Fulton County Middle School (FCMS) Cheerleaders from Hickman, Ky., were recently recognized at their summer cheer camp hosted by the National Private cheer camp company, Premiere Cheer Camps.

The team was selected by Premiere Cheer Camps Staff based on their outstanding sportsmanship, spirit, and growth in the areas of cheer throughout camp. Premiere Cheer Camps is a National Cheer Camp Company, serving thousands of coaches and athletes each year. This squad

demonstrated remarkable attributes, which qualified them for this unique honor.

FCMS cheerleaders will be featured on the Premiere Cheer Camps national website, [www.premierecamps.net](http://www.premierecamps.net) in recognition of this achievement. Each squad member received an individual ribbon as well as the Premiere Cheer Camps Award of Excellence team certificate.

“The Premiere Cheer Camps Award of Excellence is such an exciting award to present! Our staff looks forward to choosing and recognizing talented

cheerleaders all over the United States. I am always pleased to hear that Premiere is helping to shape athletes and develop their existing potential,” says Aaron Scott, President of Premiere Cheer Camps.

Others receiving individual awards were: Most Spirit – Caroline Morrison; Best Jumps – Samantha McClure; and Best All Around – Halley Stewart.

For more information, visit [www.premierecamps.net](http://www.premierecamps.net) or contact a representative at 1-877-805-5983 or [premierecheer@yahoo.com](mailto:premierecheer@yahoo.com).

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to watch television, play on her Kindle, and spend time with her grandma, Peggy Uzzle, was meeting Rebecca Easley. Miss Watauga Valley. “She spent time with me talking about how to become an actress/performer,” Cayce noted excitedly. “She is going to be in the Miss Tennessee pageant soon. I gave her a rose and a little card that said ‘good luck’.” Easley also did different activities with Cayce and the rest of the cast. Easley began performing when she was in the second grade, performing through high school. She even took part in some plays at the Masquerade Theatre.

Practicing took up a lot of time for Cayce, who said she missed some of the things she usually

does early on in the summer, but says it was worth it. “We did have to practice a lot,” she said. “Three hours a day!” The quick learner said she had her part down pat with a day or two, but realizes with a cast of over 50 it is important to practice.

After their performances the cast and crew spend time taking photos and talking to other kids interested in possibly performing in the future. “It makes you feel like a movie star,” she said. “I always ask them their names, because I want to know who is in the picture with me.”

During dress rehearsal they realized that Cayce’s hat, part of her munchkin costume, was too snug. “Don’t worry about that,” said Penny, her mom, who owns

Flowers by Penny, was able to fix one on a hair bow for her to wear, instead of replace of the hat. “That is the only part of my costume I get to keep,” said Cayce.

When not performing Cayce also likes to color, play school and she spends lots of time working on her singing skills with her Karaoke machine. “I love it to pieces,” she said. “I also can’t wait to go fishing with Alexis.”

Will she try out for another play? “Yes, she said, but not during the summer months!” she exclaimed. “I like having some free time and you do have to be dedicated and practice a lot!”

The Wizard of Oz has three dates remaining, June 15 and June 16 at 7:30 p.m. and June 17 at 2 p.m.

Wildcats win three, remain undefeated

The Hickman Wildcats faced one of their toughest challenges this season, before returning home to win two games against Fancy Farm last week.

The Wildcats were able to hold off a stubborn Wingo team on the road, posting an 8-7 win, while sweeping Fancy Farm at Coffey Field by the scores of 13-2 and 17-1.

Coach Charles Choate said the three games proved how far the team has come in character this season.

“The Wingo game, no doubt, was as tough as we have played this season,” said Choate. “We took a 6-0 lead in our first at-bat, and they came back with five runs in their half of the inning. From then on it was a battle. We were able to throw two runners out at the plate, and our final inning of defense, after we had scored the go-ahead run, was just big-time play. The guys took that momentum and then carried it on into the Fancy Farm games. It was a good week.”

The three wins ran the team’s record to (10-0) on the year.

**Hickman 8 – Wingo 7 (at Wingo)**

First inning doubles by Ryne Choate and Jake Russell, along with singles by Devonte Hampton and Will Thompson, spurred the Wildcats to an early 6-0 lead, but Wingo was not going to quit at home.

Hickman starting pitcher Jarrett West was hit with five runs, and departed to shortstop after 2/3 of an inning.

Choate came in and forced a fly ball out to West, as the inning ended with Hickman holding a slim 6-5 lead.

The Wildcats went on top 7-5 in the second inning, when Choate hit a stand-up triple to right center field, and scored when Madison Uzzle reached on an error.

Wingo again was not to be denied, and tied the game at 7-7 in the 4<sup>th</sup> inning, with Uzzle ending the inning by throwing out Eric Morehead at the plate with the potential winning run.

The eventual winning run for Hickman came in the 5<sup>th</sup> inning, when Conner Jackson walked and later scored with two outs.

In the bottom half of the fifth,

Hickman got a diving catch by left fielder Matthew Bodon and a leaping catch and tag of first base by Uzzle for the first two outs.

After a walk, Choate then picked off the runner from the mound, ending the game and preserving the teams win streak.

**Hickman 13-17 - Fancy Farm 2-1 (at Coffey Field)**

Only one week after coming from behind to beat Fancy Farm on the road, the Wildcats dominated both games by posting big first inning scores.

Hickman pushed 11 runs across the plate in their first at-bat in both games, to cruise to easy wins.

Every Wildcat player crossed the plate during the two games, with Madison Uzzle, Jarrett West and Will Thompson all reaching base five times in the games.

Ryne Choate was the winning pitcher of game one, running his record to (6-0), while Madison Uzzle pitched a complete game in the nightcap, running his season record to (3-0) with a one-hitter.



**BIG CUT** - Hickman Wildcats player Conner Jackson takes a swing at a pitch, during the teams first game against Fancy Farm last week. The Wildcats swept a doubleheader against their Graves County opponent, to run their season record to 10-0.

### Bluff Briefs

**Free Transportation for Seniors**

Fulton County Senior Citizens has free vouchers available for low-income seniors age 60 and over for transportation within Fulton County. Services are provided by the Fulton County Transit. These vouchers can be used to go to the grocery store, doctor offices, drug store, bank, post office and various other locations. Eligible individuals can apply at either the Hickman Senior Center at 1404 Liberty Street or the Fulton Senior Center at 109 Commercial Avenue. Proof of income and proof of age must be provided. Please call either 236-2826 or 472-2900 for appointment.

**AARP Driver Safety Class**

An AARP Driver Safety Class will be offered on Wednesday, July 18, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., at the Fulton County Extension Office, 2114 S 7th St., Hickman.

The class will be for ages 50 and older. Participants will learn defensive driving techniques, new traffic laws, and rules of the road. There are no tests and no behind the wheel driving.

This class is required to be eligible for a discount on auto insurance.

Fees are \$12 for AAARP members, \$14 for non-AARP members, and \$5.00 for Kentucky Retired Teachers. To reserve a seat in the class call 270-236-2351 or 236-3784 before July 11. Must have 10 signed up for the class to be held.



## Sports In Kentucky For the Hickman Courier

By Bob Watkins

Things will be better in the morning ...

Let us pause and examine Major League Baseball's draft last week and find it to be a pragmatic, sober mutually realistic with minimal hype. NBA drafters should be less greedy and so fortunate. Ditto, NCAA rules-makers counting cash as Scrooge McDuck did, by the dump truck load. No time for innovation, let alone political courage to force change.

A few ball coaches will have time.

Jim Calhoun at UConn. With time and space available to study MLB's model, we can sure UConn will have a look since Calhoun's defection-riddled and scholar-poor roster will stay home from the next Big Dance.

Scott Drew. In Waco, Baylor and coach will have three years (probation) to study the MLB model.

In Lexington, University of Kentucky's baseball team had nine players/prospects selected in MLB draft. A school record. Five are high school seniors who signed with UK, but stand at a clear crossroads today.

Options.

1. Skip college. Haggle for a signing bonus, sign a contract, take an assignment to a MLB's bus ride rookie league in Washington state. Job Time.
2. Or, opt for college. Play, study, party, grow and grow up (between the ears), be eligible for MLB draft in 2015.

Easy choice, right?

**UK PIPPED?**

•If IU and Louisville sign a contract, UK may have been Pipped.

When Wally Pipp took a day off from the Yankee lineup June 2, 1925, Lou Gehrig replaced him. Gehrig was such a natural, the lineup stayed the same for the next 14 years.

•What would a UofL-IU series mean for UK short term? Not much if fans enjoy trade offs for Samford and Portland State.

Clearly, Wildcat fans who love the border traditional with IU, and know its competitive and brag rights and a Commonwealth pride that parallels marquee value of Army-Navy, Alabama-Auburn football, the signal to fans from Calipari is – you don't matter.

Things will be better in the morning, when ...

• Opportunity knocks. A Lou-

isville-Indiana series home-and-home Bloomington-Yum Center, could be the new Dream Game.

CBS' Sports schedule-makers wouldn't hesitate.

• Recruiting coup for Western Kentucky University football. To be aired on ESPN3, Coach Willie Taggart's Hilltoppers play Southern Miss (12-2 last season) on September 22.

Western can make a show for recruiting prospects on ESPNU again October 11 against rival Troy, and November 1 against traditional rival Middle Tennessee.

• Pascal Benson owns one of the best ever names in Kentucky sports. Three-time letterman at UK, Benson will be inducted into the KHSAA Hall of Fame. At Henderson High, he was an all-state player in football, basketball and baseball.

• I'll Have Another has one. And another, again and again.

• The decline of thoroughbred horse racing is (media) vastly exaggerated. Belmont Stakes drew its sixth best crowd ever with no triple crown candidate.

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Things will be better in the morning, when ...

• New pecking order for UK's Unforgettables. Sean Woods is Morehead State's new hoops coach. If Woods sustains the Eagles rise in college hoops, he would move past coaches Dale Brown, John Pelphrey (Florida assistant) and just behind Travis Ford (Oklahoma State). Mississippi Valley's melt-down against Western Kentucky last spring aside, if Woods succeeds at Morehead his next job jump should be spring 2014.

• Kentucky's boys basketball all-stars will beat Indiana one of these days. Maybe when Hoosiers officials agree to play on a neutral floor ... in Kentucky.

• That University of Kentucky's football team will be cast as underdog in nine of 12 games, including four SEC games at Commonwealth Stadium, is a motivational hot button for Joker Phillips.

• The Ohio Valley Conference having East and West divisions is a solid leap forward that should increase fan interest and ticket sales across one of the last leagues in college sports. Now, about a television contract.

• If he keeps his scholarship

commitment, Derek Willis could become a People's Choice caliber player at Kentucky beginning next season. Latest developments ...

1. Willis skipped the 'cattle show for prima donnas,' – so-called NBA Player Association for top 100 players camp in Virginia, to play with fellow seniors-to-be against Indiana counterparts.
2. When told last month that his “stock had fallen,” with dot.com experts who rank players based on (pick something), Willis handled it well enough. While the 6-9 forward enjoys the attention, “I don't worry about that stuff.”
- Jabari Parker is latest hoops phenom prize out of Chicago every coach wants. Here's a hope that Parker makes himself a referendum on college hoops by saying in some form, “I will choose a college where my coach emphasizes the college experience and earning a degree.”
- Curious thing. Kentucky's eighth national championship winning basketball team never quite achieved the affectionate embrace of Wildcat fans who tack on a nickname.
- NBA Thug Season will be finished sometime after Father's Day (June 17).

Never mind, things will be better in the morning.

**WORTH REPEATING DEPT.**

• Moral high ground? IU officials took it when two things happened recently – coach Tom Crean said “let's move on,” and John Calipari agreed. But then, true to form, Calipari did not move on, but opened his mouth instead asking reporters last week, “are (IU) fans too poor to travel two hours (to Indianapolis)?”


• On one-and-done in college hoops ...

Mark Cuban, Dallas Mavericks owner: “I just think there's every good reason to change the rule to wait-3-years. The only people who like the one-and-done concept are fans at Kentucky.”

He added, “For every Kobe (Bryant) or (Kevin) Garnett or Carmelo (Anthony) or LeBron (James), there's 100 Lenny Cookes.”

Lenny Cooke was a New York high school star who declared for the NBA Draft in 2002, was not selected and never played in an NBA game.

And so it goes.




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## RECC

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his signature on many of them, proving just how hard a worker he was for rural electricity and how dedicated he was to HFRECC.

Other instrumental individuals in the starting phases of the rural electric company were Robert T. Hosmon, Project Supervisor and charter member of the HFRECC Board of Directors and permanent officers: Roscoe Stone, president; J.B. McGehee, secretary-treasurer, and Harvey Pewitt, all from Fulton County and E.C. Wayne, vice-president, and Grover Wyatt.

Training, safety, repairs, and office technology, mapping technology and the way the industry has bounced back from disasters have also changed when looking back over the years.

Retired linemen like Henry Cooley, Dike Nerren, and Glen Choate remember what it was like when they first started on the job. "Sometimes people don't understand why a lineman is compensated well," stated Grissom. "The work isn't easy. It is dangerous, hazardous and many times they don't get a second chance if they make a mistake. The skill set is complex and technical and not everyone can do it." Having a fear of heights is not an option for a lineman. They realize they are in harms way at all times. "It is a daily occurrence and there is a chance for a loss of limb or life at all times," added Grissom.

Accidents do happen. Cooley, who began his employment with RECC in 1945, was injured during his 36 years when an 11-pound dead end insulator hit him on the head. "I had brain surgery with them adding a piece of skull where the insulator hit me.

Cooley's training began during World War II, long before he started working for RECC. "I worked in communications, stringing line to the front line from headquarters," he said. "When at RECC in the beginning, I made \$1.25 an hour and we dug holes with 8 foot split handle diggers. It was hard work, but I enjoyed working there and I miss seeing the boys."

Cooley retired in 1982 after working under five managers including Harold Everett.

"We all tried to take care of each other," stated Nerren. Nerren began his employment with RECC on January 15, 1965 and retired in January 2006. "We watched out for each other. We kept the safety part safe the best we could."

Back in the early days of the co-operative, there was only one line truck and one small crew. One year, there was a winter storm with sleet and ice. The Maddox sisters remember the electricity was out for a week before it was fixed. They were glad to see it come back on because they knew what it was like before they had electricity and they didn't want to go back to those days.

Imagine the devastation if an ice storm like the one that hit in January 2009 happened then. According to Grissom, RECC lost their entire system. "We had to rebuild everything," he said. "It took us 21 days to restore power to all safe and approved metering points. Five hundred workers from a multi-state area were brought in to help us out."

With meteorologists predicting the severity of the storm, Grissom and his crew thought ahead. "We decided to retain contract labor before the storm hit," he said, "with crews coming in from Texas and Oklahoma before January 27."



The Ice Storm of '09 caused H F R E C C \$13 million in damages to their system with the loss of 1,800 utility poles. Back when the co-operative first began it could have taken forever to put up that many poles. "We dug all the holes by hand, five or six feet deep," said Alan Wilson, former HFRECC employee who retired in 2008 after 30 years. "If the ground was hard, it could take two or three hours per hole. Now it takes about two minutes with a digger truck."

"Back in those days it was called a young man's game," added Nerren. "We did dig a lot of holes by hand and we set a bunch of poles by hand during the storms. We did a lot of climbing in those days."

"It was dangerous and still is," he continued. "We all had to stay on our toes. All and all, we came out good. No accidents, no injuries."

"I enjoyed working there and I'm proud that I was able to have a job like that right out of high school," added retiree from 2000 Glen Choate. Choate began his career with RECC as an apprentice lineman in February 1967 and retired as the general manager, after nine years. Grissom took his place upon retirement.

"Things were starting to change around the turn of the century as a whole in the US at that time," Choate said. He also remembers digging holes by hand, receiving most of his education on the job.

"When I started we didn't go to school," he added. "They definitely receive training more quickly now. We first sent trainees to Nashville and then to Paducah."

Following the storm in '09 a larger warehouse was added to assist HFRECC in case another natural disaster were to strike. "Instead of sending contract workers to hotels, we can house them here," Grissom explained. "We are also a secondary source for shelter for the Fulton County Emergency Management Operations." The five acre, fenced in area, located in the former Henry I. Siegel factory building makes it possible for HFRECC to store their own fuel supply, electric poles, and transformers. There is also a state of the art commercial kitchen, showers and washer and dryer.

The way the crews map the location of poles, meters, etc. has come a long way as well. Last Thursday, Ward Morgan, Engineering Technician was looking at a location of a power outage on a computer. Not too many years ago he would have reviewed the outage on a paper map, some being years old with no updates. Those maps quickly become obsolete as changes and additions are made. "Each truck contained a paper map, that quickly was outdated," explained Grissom. "Now they are supplied with laptops and maps are updated on a monthly

basis."

Meter reading, once performed by the customers, is now performed through smart meters. "We went from having the customers send in their meter readings monthly to sending an employee to each home to read the meters," added Debbie Weatherford, Manager-Business Member Services. "Soon after we were putting the reading onto hand-held devices and "dumping" the information on to our system here at the office. Now we have smart readers that automatically read the meter for us." Smart meters not only read the meters in six seconds, they also inform RECC personnel about power quality, voltage and other issues sooner than if each meter was inspected.

Smart meters also help deter theft of electricity. "Not only do the new smart meters eliminate misreads and error, they also provide us with information quickly," noted Grissom. "A meter that was suppose to be inactive, suddenly became active and we learned that the new consumption was from a meth lab operating in a vacant house. We notified the Sheriff and the individuals were caught and prosecuted for manufacturing and theft of current." Before the meters were installed it could have taken months before HFRECC became aware of the theft.

Billing and accounting has changed in the office atmosphere. "I have been here 22 years," said Weatherford. "When I first started, accounting was performed by hand in ledger books. We didn't use personal computers until 2000." Until the computers were brought in general ledger accounting techniques initiated in the 30s and 40s were still utilized.

Assisting Weatherford in the office are employees Julie Grogan, Accountant; Tina Slayden, Customer Service Representative; and part-time Customer Service Representatives Patti Mullins and Misty Covey.

Rex Coffey, Superintendent of Operations since 2008 oversees the day to day operations of the 10 linemen, construction, and maintenance of the system. He began his employment as a groundman then worked his way up from apprentice lineman, journeyman lineman and crew leader before moving into the office. "I still go out if there are bad storms and work along with the linemen," he said. Coffey is also responsible for the right of way department, ordering all the materials, such as transformers, poles, and maintenance of the truck fleet. Safety training which includes first aid, CPR, and mandatory safety hours for OSHA are another area Coffey is responsible for making sure everyone receives the proper amount of safety training.

They take safety seriously at RECC. RECC has received honors as having 136,000 working hours without a fatality or injury.

"It is a very rewarding job," said Coffey. "I love it. I have a great group of people at the Co-op to work with."

Mark Fisk, Manager of Engineering and Technical Services, is in charge of IT and new computers. "I am currently working on setting up a new AMR (Automatic Meter Reading) system and the maintenance of it," he said. "I also oversee new power line construction and service to new customers. Fisk has been with RECC since May 2005.

Current ranking linemen Terry Polivick has been with HFRECC for 25 years, who trained under his mentor, Nerren, was hired on May 1, 1987.

"I was here during the 50th anniversary celebration," he said proudly. "I was a right of way cutter in 1986 and when an opening came up in 1987, I was hired on as an apprentice under manager J.H. Terry.

"I went to school at Paducah Power for four years and the late Dan Baker was my instructor," said Polivick. "I was the fourth to go, after Alan Wilson, Brent Roper, and JJ Yates." Even then, he was thankful for what he learned under the direction of retired employees like Nerren, Wilson, Henry Cooley and more.

He works side by side on a daily basis with Jackie Curlin, Kendall Byassee, Jimmy Allen, Travis Bayko, Jeremy Swift, Robert Nerren, Adam Cary, Josh West, and Randy Moore.

West and Moore are the newest additions to the RECC family. They require the same physical demands as those who first began in the 1940s, but needing more education. "The technical competency process has become more complex," said Grissom. "Everything we do involves more technical aspects as modern technology pushes us forward. Newly hired linemen, like Randy, now have two-year associates degrees."

Moore, who decided to go to school to become a lineman after having a conversation with a friend's boyfriend who was in the same field, studied at Lynn State Technical College in Lynn, Mo. "He sparked my interest and it seemed a perfect fit for me since I loved working outside and I wasn't afraid of heights."

Moore studied for two years obtaining his associates degree in electrical distribution systems.

"We took all the same core classes including a computer class and then we also studied anything that had to do with distribution, such as, metering, transformers, sagging wires, climbing and assessment," he said.

"We touched on a lot of the basics in class," added Moore, "but being in the field learning from Terry and the others is the best way to gain the knowledge we need to be safe." The summer before Moore was hired he did a three-month internship, gaining more valuable knowledge.

Back when Polivick was working toward becoming a journeyman he didn't have to take a test. "The boss just told us when we were ready and that was it," he said. "Now they go to Alabama and take a top out test."

"The linemen are required to obtain their CDL licenses," said Polivick. "Most go take the test

before they even come to work here. Randy had his ahead of time."

Seventy-five years have come and gone and many changes with it. HFRECC will keep changing with the times as well to provide their customers with the least expensive electricity as possible. Even if that means moving away from coal by turning to natural gas, nuclear, wind, methane, solar and hydropower. HFRECC receives their power from TVA, with .76 of every dollar going back to TVA. "TVA has 8.2 million customers," stated Grissom. "Right now, coal is by far the biggest asset, but with new regulations on the horizon it is possible TVA, our wholesale power provider, will look to non-fossil fuels to produce the electricity those customers require."

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Grissom and his staff invite all 4,096 of their members to the 2012 Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 26. It will take place at Hickman County Elementary School in Clinton, Ky. Registration begins at 4 p.m. with the business meeting set for 6:30 p.m.

Current HFRECC board members include: Sammy Todd, Jerry Graham, David Kimbell, Vercel Bryant, and Ralph Wayne Adams.



Hickman-Fulton Counties RECC employees in action in years past.



**RETIRED AND CURRENT EMPLOYEES FROM HICKMAN-FULTON COUNTIES RECC** - As Hickman-Fulton Counties RECC celebrates their 75th anniversary we would like to recognize some of the retired employees and a few current employees including: G.H. Terry, Alan Wilson, Betty Chandler, J. Yates, Lloyd Baker, Tommy Ferguson, Dike Nerren, Thomas Freeze, Donald Coffey, Sharon Wilkerson, Glen Choate, Teresa Hayden, Terry Polivick, Johnny Davis, Brent Roper and David Craddock.



**FULTON COUNTY GOLF TEAM** - Those honored at the Fulton County Sports Banquet on Tuesday, May 15, from the Fulton County High School golf team include: (front row, l to r) Daisy Major and Brooke Coffey (lowest average); and (back row, l to r) Jarret West (lowest average), Javin West, Madison Uzzle, and Ryne Choate (most improved). Not pictured: Jacob Harrison, Jake Russell, and Megan Vowell. (Photo by Charlotte Smith.)



**FULTON COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM** - Those honored at the Fulton County Sports Banquet on Tuesday, May 15, from the Fulton County Middle School Football team include: (front row, l to r) Brandon Willis, Skyler Johnson, and Houston Massey; and (back row, l to r) Na'Taven Bransford, De'Andre Couch (Most Improved, Coach's Award), Aaron Allen (Offensive MVP, Coach's Award), Trea Hopper, Shaun Murphy, and Taylor Sipes (Coach's Award). (Not pictured: Joey Lannom (Defensive Player, Coach's Award), Beau Simmons (Defensive Lineman Award), Austin Branham, Evann Dismuke, Joseph Fletcher, Kenny Lannom, Cameron Matheny (Most Improved), Lance Purefide (Offensive Line Award), Tanner Ford, Brandon Willis, Ian Halstead, Skyler Johnson, and Cody Laceywell.) (Photo by Charlotte Smith.)

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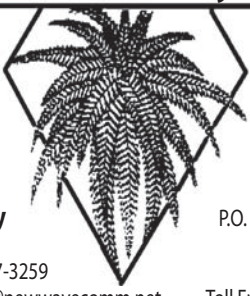
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Obituaries

Margaret Cheirs

Margaret Cheirs, 65, a resident of Hickman, Ky., died June 5, 2012, at Parkway Regional Hospital in Fulton, Ky.

She was a retired cook for the former Claude's Restaurant in Hickman and a member of the Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Hickman.

Survivors include her mother, Mattie Cheirs of Hickman; one daughter, Anita Cheirs of Hickman; five brothers, Joe Cheirs, Ricky Cheirs and Lawrence Cheirs, all of Hickman, Charles Cheirs of Fulton, and William Cheirs of Kansas City, Mo.; four sisters, Lillie Cheirs, Christine Whitlow and Brenda Cheirs, all of Hickman, and Fran McNeil of Little Rock,

Nyoka Craddock Gouger

Mrs. Nyoka Craddock Gouger, 68, a resident of Hickman, Ky., died on June 8, 2012 at her residence.

Born May 16, 1944 in Hickman, she was the daughter of the late Riley and Charlotte Reeves. She was a member of the East Baptist Church in Hickman.

Survivors include her husband, Richard Gouger; two brothers, Bobby Reeves of Hickman, and Charles of Plymouth, Mich.; and three sisters, Betty Baggett of Union City, Tenn., Barbara Barber of South Fulton, Tenn., and Elizabeth Atwill of Fulton, Ky.

Her first husband, David Craddock, two brothers, Billy

Ark.; one grandchild and three great-grandchildren.

Her father, Odus Hicks, two brothers, Robert Cheirs and Johnnie Walsh, and one grandson, Roderick Cheirs, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held June 9, at the Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. James Roberson officiating. Burial followed in the Hickman City Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Tommy Mitchell, Travis Newberry, Steve Parker, Marcus Winters, George Wilson, Eddie Cox and Robert Nall.

Strong Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Brenda D. Elam

Brenda D. Elam, 55, a resident of Fulton, Ky., died June 10, 2012, at Parkway Regional Hospital in Fulton.

Born December 24, 1956, in Fulton County, Ky., she was the daughter of the late Joy Marie (Hutchinson) and Floyd Edward Forsythe. She had worked for the former H.I.S. Clothing Company and she was an employee of Walmart. She had worked at the Union City store and was currently at the Fulton store. She had lived in this area all of her life.

Richard Reese

Richard Reese, 52, a resident of Eddyville, Ky., died June 9, 2012, at his residence.

Born September 11, 1959, in Clinton, Ky., he was the son of the late James R. Reese and Estelle (Griffin) Hill. He was a nondenominational Christian was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He worked as a lab technician in Paducah, Ky., and had lived most of his life in Fulton, Ky. and Eddyville.

Survivors include his wife of fourteen years, Amy Watson-Reese of Eddyville; his stepfather,

Survivors include her husband, Robert H. Elam of Fulton, whom she married August 7, 1974; one daughter, Tracy Collier of Fulton; one granddaughter, Courtney Collier of Fulton; and one sister, Carolyn King of Moscow, Ky.

Graveside services were held June 13, at 11 a.m., at Pleasant View Memorial Gardens with Bro. Rocky James officiating.

Hornbeak Funeral Chapel of Fulton was in charge of arrangements.

Joe Hill of Fulton; his stepmother, Margaret Reese of Paducah, Ky.; two sisters, Angie Reese Baker of Paducah, and Cindy Reese Tolley of South Fulton, Tenn.; two nephews, Scott Reese of Paducah, and Adam Tolley of South Fulton.

Memorial services were held June 13, at 3 p.m., at Hornbeak Funeral Chapel in Fulton.

Memorials may be sent to Best Friends Animal Society, 5001 Angel Canyon Road, Kanab, UT 84741-5000 or MD Anderson Cancer Center, 1515 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TN 77030.



**FRIDAY MORNING GRAIN SPILL** - On Friday, June 8 around 7:51 a.m. a tractor-trailer operated by James M. Paschall, of Kenton, Tenn., was traveling around a curve on State Route 125 heading north just before the intersection with State Route 166 when he left the roadway and overturned spilling his load of wheat into the field next to the roadway. Fulton County emergency personnel from local law enforcement are shown transporting Paschall from the vehicle to a stretcher on the roadway. Paschall was trapped in the tractor-trailer and needed help from the Fulton County Sheriff's Office on the scene to exit the vehicle. Several accidents have occurred in this same location, usually due to a high rate of speed. Paschall did not remember anything after leaving Union City and it was determined that he suffered a mild concussion and is diabetic. There were no skid marks or signs of braking. Another grain truck directly behind Paschall stated that he saw a cloud of dust, started to round the curve and saw the vehicle on its side. With the lack of an eyewitness and with the driver unable to remember anything, the exact cause of this incident cannot be determined. The road was closed for several hours to remove the grain from the side of the road. (Photo by Charlotte Smith.)

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Hickman Police Department News

The Hickman Police Department reports these arrests, citations, investigations and fire calls for Hickman and Cayce Volunteer Fire Departments for Sunday, May 27 – Saturday, June 2:

- Sunday, June 3:
  - Traffic stop on Market St.
  - Traffic stop on Hwy 94.
  - Responded to a disturbance on Walnut Ave.
  - Responded to a residential alarm on Atwood St.
  - Responded to a disturbance call at Hickman Manor.
  - Responded to a call on Ivey St.
- Monday, June 4:
  - No activity.
- Tuesday, June 5:
  - Responded to a call on Bond St.
  - Responded to a disturbance call on Moscow Ave. – report taken for theft by unlawful taking.
  - Assisted TriCity EMS on Moscow Ave.

- Wednesday, June 6:
  - Responded to a small fender bender at Little General.
- Thursday, June 7:
  - Traffic stop on Moscow Ave.
  - Traffic stop on Union City Hwy.
- Friday, June 8:
  - Fulton County Rescue Squad responded to a semi trailer accident on Union City Hwy. at the Y.
  - Responded to a juvenile complaint on Bernal Ave.
  - Saturday, June 9:
    - Responded to a disturbance on Union City Hwy. – report taken for theft by unlawful taking.
    - Fulton County Rescue Squad responded to the tug boat/barge incident on the Mississippi River.
    - Responded to a disturbance at Davis Park – Tammy Chambers arrested.

Fulton County Sheriff's News

The Fulton County Sheriff's Department reports these arrests and citations for Monday, June 4 – Friday, June 1:

- Monday, June 4:
  - Rondell Bransford of Fulton, Ky., black male, summons, criminal mischief.
  - David E. Cox of Fulton, white male, summons, terroristic threatening 3rd.
  - Mary Brawner of Fulton, white female, summons, criminal mischief 3rd, harassment.
- Tuesday, June 5:
  - Kevin Faulkner of Rives, Tenn., white male, citation, suspended operator's license, criminal trespass 3rd.
  - Ricky Clowser of Union City, Tenn., white male, citation, criminal trespass 3rd.
  - Timothy Smith of Obion, Tenn., white male, citation, criminal trespass 3rd.
  - John T. Morgan of Newbern, Tenn., white male, arrested, fugitive from justice.
- Friday, June 8:
  - Derek J. Bentley of Union City, white male, citation, speeding 15 over (70/55), failure of owner to maintain insurance 1st offense.
- Saturday, June 9:
  - Michael K. Unger of Martin, Tenn., white male, citation, speeding 15 over the limit.
  - Lendell Gaston of Hickman, Ky., black male, arrested, contempt of court.
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Fulton County's Most Wanted this week is Cody Johnson

Cody W. Johnson of South Fulton, Tenn., is this week's Fulton County's Most Wanted individual. He was born February 10, 1992. His last known address is 10 Vancil Street. Johnson is 6 feet tall and weighs 125 pounds with brown hair and hazel eyes. His charges include: Violation of terms and conditions of his probation for (8) felony counts. If you know the whereabouts of this subject, please contact the

Fulton County Sheriff's Office at (270) 236-2545 or any law enforcement agency.

The FCSO was notified on June 11 by the Fulton County Clerk's Office that the warrant on Susan L. Ward has been recalled.



Cody Johnson

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Arrest

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currently lodged in the FCDC on a \$2,500 cash bond.

The investigation is ongoing and additional charges may be filed.

Again the FCSO appreciates everyone for the tips they receive on any criminal activity. This time it paid off and they were able to catch the subjects. All tips remain completely confidential.

ROTARY SUMMER LEAGUE SCHEDULE	
<b>T-Ball schedule</b>	
June 18. Coffey Construction vs. Citizens Bank	
..... Farm Bureau vs. Black Pecans	
June 19. Black Pecans vs. Coffey Construction	
..... Citizens Bank vs. Farm Bureau	
June 21. Farm Bureau vs. Coffey Construction	
<b>Coach Pitch</b>	
June 18. RECC vs. Hickman Electric	
June 21. Hickman Electric vs. RECC	
<b>Machine Pitch</b>	
June 18. Aggies vs. SGL	
June 19. Aggies vs. M&M	
June 21. Major vs. SGL	



**SUMMER BASEBALL FUN** - Enjoying Hickman Rotary Baseball summer fun are Jackson Purchase ACA players (left to right) Seth Jones (standing), Callie Coulson, Tyler Love, Houston Massey, and Abigail Bittenender. They played on Tuesday, June 6, and play continues Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays through the end of June.(Photo by Charlotte Smith.)



**ON THE RUN** - Christian Smith, of the Hickman-Fulton Counties RECC coach pitch team runs from second to third base on Thursday, June 7 during Hickman Rotary Baseball. (Photo by Charlotte Smith.)



Lendell Gaston



Thurman Denton

Hendrix

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by HFH of Fulton and Hickman counties. Ca'Toya, while working at Little General and going to school, enthusiastically contributed her three hundred hours of "sweat equity" as she and her sons participated in the construction of her home.

With her grandmother, Lizzie Hendrix, by her side, Ca'Toya shed many tears as she thanked everyone who contributed to the realization of making one of her dreams come true - owning her own home. Tom and Cherry Pyron, Larry Lewis, Phillip McClure, Royce Oliver, Mike Cornell, Sarah Choate, Larry Miller, Mike Taylor, Gary Gilkey, and numerous others who gave time to help were recognized. She also thanked Tom Pyron for teaching her son, Caleb, just 10 years old, a trade he will be able to use the rest of his life.

Countless hours were spent, first during the cold months of the early construction as trusses

and walls went up. As the framing began, many volunteers wrote blessings and good wishes on the framing for the family in their new home.

As the days grew longer and the house really started to take shape, newer faces showed up on Saturdays, lending a hand when needed. One might have been asked to carry out the garbage, sweep the floor, or use a nail gun. Whatever was needed to be completed, a volunteer was there to do it.

Great cooks from the community who fed the work crews included Cayce United Methodist, Hickman First Baptist, Hickman First United Methodist, Johnson Chapel Missionary Baptist, Lake Chapel Missionary Baptist, Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist, Sacred Heart Catholic, and West Hickman Baptist.

On Sunday during the dedication festivities, Ca'Toya's pastor, Bro. Steven Turner re-

minded everyone of Ca'Toya's journey from here to there, and there to here, and now to here, in the Cottonwood home that is now hers.

During Ca'Toya's thank you to everyone, she eloquently sang, "Thank You Lord, Thank You Lord, Oh Thank You Lord," reminding us all that with God, all things are possible. This is true as homes go up in one of the neighborhoods of Fulton or Hickman counties.

The next home will be built in Hickman County, and again, volunteers from both counties will be invited to assist with the construction process. "We never know who is going to be here each Saturday," Tom Pyron said, "But we always have enough volunteers to finish the work needed to be accomplished that day. When we go to Clinton, God assures us the members of our communities will rise to the need."



**SHEDDING HAPPY TEARS** - Ca'Toya Hendrix (standing in center) shed happy tears as she thanked everyone who helped build her new Habitat for Humanity home on Cottonwood Drive in Hickman. The home was dedicated to the Hendrix family on Sunday, June. 10. Some of the approximately 60 who attended the event include: Lizzie Hendrix (Ca'Toya's grandmother), Corrine Shaw, Billy Murray, Angela Warren, Deloris Hartfield, Karen Yandal, are all seated and standing around Ca'Toya. (Poto by Charlotte Smith.)

Fiscal Court to proceed with creation of a county dispatch system

Charlotte Smith  
Editor

After learning that the Fulton Police Department was asked by its Commission to trim \$275,000 from their budget in the coming fiscal year, the Fulton County Fiscal Court elected to "proceed with the formation of a county dispatch." The decision to do this came after a lengthy discussion among the four magistrates with Fulton County Judge/Executive David Gallagher and the possibility that dispatching for the Fulton Police Department could be outsourced to dispatch at Kentucky State Police (KSP) headquarters in Mayfield.

"If Fulton decides to go with KSP, that leaves our Sheriff's Department, Rescue Squad, and Cayce Fire Department without a way to have calls dispatched," stated Gallagher on Tuesday morning. "We will feel the impact of that immediately."

Fulton Police Chief Terry Powell was given a thirty-day window from the May 22 meeting to make the needed cuts. Not wanting to wait to see what Powell's decision would be, the Fiscal Court decided to act now.

"We need to take care of our services ourselves and maybe we can eventually expand, adding anyone else who wants us to provide that service for them," stated Gallagher.

The immediate plan is to place the equipment, already owned by the county in a room at the Fulton County Detention Center (FCDC) and get the system up and working as soon as possible. "Once we have things in place, it is possible that we can offer each city the chance to let us dispatch for them for a fee," added Gallagher. "That fee would be substantially lower

than what their expenses are now and could be less than what KSP will do it for."

The county dispatch will operate under the direction of the county, not the FCDC.

Another issue discussed on

Tuesday was animal control. At this time the Fiscal Court has decided to continue to provide \$300 a month to each city for the upkeep and utilities of the animal shelters. "We are following KRS statutes," stated Gal-

lagher. That is what the Fiscal Court decided to keep doing at this time.

More discussion from Tuesday's meeting will be in next week's edition of the Hickman Courier.

Water

By Pastor Nancy Varden  
of Hickman First United Methodist

I have moved to water twice in my life. Once when I was just about to turn 8 years old and again when I was 41.

In the winter of 1978 my family moved from the Capital area of North Carolina to the coastal town of Wilmington, and I have always proclaimed that it was the greatest gift my parents ever gave me. Moving to the beach was a pivotal moment in my life because in my mind it launched my love of water. Time spent fishing, sailing and participating in various water sports are some of the happiest most vivid memories of my childhood.

I find that even now when I return home my first instinct is to drive straight to the sea, roll up my trousers and place my feet in the cool, and even some times cold water of the Atlantic Ocean. Every time I do that it feels like a blessing.

My family and I moved to Hickman a year ago this month. My oldest daughter had just turned 8. We had told her, and her two younger sisters that we would be living on the banks of the Mississippi River, another great body of water for us to discover and to learn. In our first year, it has become a practice for us as a family to walk the streets of our neighborhood close to sunset so that

we can see the glory of the dusk sky over the waters of the, "is-sissippi," as my three year old pronounces it. Each time we see the water on these nightly walks we rejoice in the beauty of the place we now call home, and the river that dominates our scenery.

Water draws us. It is one of the essential elements of life. Without water to drink one will die in just three to five days. Water is also vital, as all farming communities know, to crops.

Blessing was also what I was thinking about this past Monday when glorious rain finally came. The drought that has plagued us, drying up not only fields and harbor has also left my soul dry did not end with just one day of showers but I still have thanks to God for every raindrop that fell.

Water in the Christian tradition is used as a sign of renewing. We use water in baptism as a sign of being washed clean by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In my faith tradition we give thanks over water and say, "bless this gift of water and those that receive it, to wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their lives."

Water is a divine presence.

River levels on the Cairo gauge hover around 15 feet

"I have been able to utilize a 9 foot barge at Riverfront Limestone's dock with a rake attached to it and have managed to shove the rack into the mouth of the harbor," stated Terry Roncali Port Captain with WEPFER Marine. This is providing some relief as river levels continue to fluctuate between 14 and 15 feet in depth on the Cairo gauge. Hickman gauge shows 7.60 ft.

We can load barges and stack them," he added. Currently there are five parked at one dock.

"Until we are dredged or the river level increases we are unable to off load barges, stated Roncali Tuesday afternoon.

The earliest prediction for dredging of the harbor is now June 25 and it could be as late as June 29 before the harbor is back in full operation.

Foam utilized to extinguish boat fire

A line boat fire call came into the Hickman Police Department just after 6 p.m. on Saturday evening, June 9. "The Marguerite L. Terral, pushing six barges, had a malfunction in the engine room," stated Fulton County Emergency Management Director Hugh Caldwell. "The fire originated in the engine room and quickly swept through the boat."

"WEPFER Marine took charge of the barges pushing them to No. 8 Island. Another boat, oprated by Terral River Services, came to the aid of the Marguerite," continued Caldwell. "They requested a fire boat to produce foam to put out the fire."

"We requested aid from East Marshall Fire and Rescue (Marshall County) and Aurora/Ross Fire District and they each sent a boat," he said. "Coast Guard provided 25 five-gallon pails of AFFF foam and the two fire boats worked to extinguish the fire."

"They started pumping foam at 10:08 p.m.," said Caldwell. "The fire was extinguished by 1 a.m."

Assisting during the fire was the Fulton County Rescue Squad, Fulton Co. Sheriff's Department, Aurora/Ross Fire District, East Marshall Fire and Rescue, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, and U.S. Coast Guard. Both Fulton City Fire Department and Calloway County Rescue Squad were on stand by with more foam, if needed.

Approximately five Fulton County Emergency Management personnel were on the scene during the event along with Emergency Management Area 1 Regional Response Manager Mark Garland and Tri-Cities Ambulance Service.

Air Evac did an aerial view survey of the sight to make sure no personnel were in the water.

No injuries were reported There was a considerable amount of diesel fuel on board the boat with none leaking into the Mississippi River.

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